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Applicant: G. Gundling, et al.

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SAMPLE CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE BIOLOGICAL

ELEMENT

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2001, for three months from September 20, 2001 to December 20, 2001. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$920.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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